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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following reference(s):

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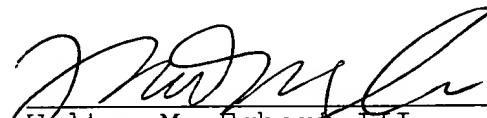
These references are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), and a copy of each reference is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above-listed documents be fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application. Applicant requests that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

To the best of applicant's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

An early and favorable action is respectfully
requested.

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